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Hi Leslie,

Please email below from Kay L. for the weekly.

Please let us know if you have any question. Thanks for your help & patience!

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Gold King Mine

August 5, 2015, an EPA team working to investigate and address contamination at the Gold King Mine in San Juan County, Colorado, unexpectedly triggered a large release of mine waste water into the upper portions of Cement Creek, which is a tributary to the Animas River. Initial estimates are that the release contained approximately one million gallons of water that was held behind unconsolidated debris near an abandoned mine portal. The volume of the release based on US Geological Survey (USGS) Cement Creek guaging station is estimated at three million gallons. The wastewater eventually entered the Animas River and subsequently reached portions of Region 9 and 6.

EPA Region 9 has deployed resources and OSCs and is currently focused on a stretch of the San Juan River extending from Farmington, NM to Mexican Hat, UT. R9 is conducting surface water sampling and sediment sampling along the San Juan River in the Navajo Nation at 11 monitoring sites, providing/assessing drinking water and ag water, and coordinating with Regions 6 & 8 and the Navajo nation. Additional information is provided in the daily sit reports.

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